

Whereas, Moreland Ridge Middle School in the Blue Springs R-IV School District in Blue Springs, Missouri, has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2001-2002 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Moreland Ridge Middle School will be honored as a Gold Star School during the Gold Star Schools Forum to be held March 13, 2002, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of nine schools chosen for the prestigious Gold Star Award, Moreland Ridge Middle School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a rapidly growing, comprehensive suburban middle school located in a largely upper middle-class community on the outskirts of Kansas City, Moreland Ridge Middle School boasts 65 faculty and administrators and 992 students in grades 6-8 who benefit a great deal from the outstanding opportunities provided them; and

Whereas, Moreland Ridge Middle School addresses the needs of its students by using self-analysis, research-based ideals, allocation of technologically state-of-the-art equipment, and a support system for its teachers; and

Whereas, Moreland Ridge Middle School has earned the praise and respect of many for its concerted efforts to reach out to all students through a variety of means, the variety of programs creating a collaborative climate for learning, the camaraderie of staff members, the leadership of the school, the formal and informal professional development facilitated through the site based team, lead teachers council, and conference period study groups, and the challenging, flexible, and all-encompassing curriculum which presents opportunities; and

Whereas, the Honorable Carson Ross, State Representative of the 55th District, is exceedingly proud of the accomplishments made by Moreland Ridge Middle School, where his granddaughter, Brittanie Ross, is a sixth grade student:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Principal Dr. Nancy Stonner and to the students and faculty at Moreland Ridge Middle School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Moreland Ridge Middle School in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Carson Ross
District No. 55

Representative Don Lograsso
District No. 54

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do

certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 735, adopted March 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker